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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PITTSTON COMPANY

REF: STATE 305045

1. RAFAEL ALFONZO RAVARD HAS AGREED TO SEE MR. STOTT AT 11:30 AM EITHER JANUARY 16 OR JANUARY 19. ALFONZO RAVARD WILL HAVE WITH HIM FOR THE MEETING ALTERNATE PETROVEN DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL OIL PURCHASE NEGOTIATOR, DR. ALIRIO PARRA. THE GENERAL NOTED THAT STOTT'S PROPOSED VISIT TO VENEZUELA WOULD OVERLAP A WEEKEND. HE ADVISED THAT STOTT WOULD HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY OF TALKING TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS DURING THE FIRST PART OF A WEEK I.E., JANUARY 19 - 21 RATHER THAN THE END OF A WORK WEEK I.E., JANUARY 15 AND 16.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PETROVEN IS MOST APPROPRIATE CONTACT FOR STOTT AND SUFFICIENT FOR HIS VISIT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH MINES MINISTER VALENTIN HERNANDEZ, BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN IN HIS OFFICE THIS WEEK. AFTERNOON EL MUNDO CARRIED FRONT PAGE HEADLINE STORY JANUARY 6 OF RUMOR THAT VALENTIN HERNANDEZ WILL BE REPLACED AS MINES MINISTER OF JANUARY 8 BY ARGENIS GAMBOA, CURRENT CVG PRESIDENT. IF THIS OCCURS, APPOINTMENT WILL BE ATTEMPTED WITH GAMBOA.

3. APPOINTMENT WITH MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO IS NOT PERTINENT FOR MR. STOTT AND, PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO HIS ALMOST CONSTANT TRAVEL SCHEDULE. SHOULD APPOINTMENT WITH MINES MINISTER NOT WORK
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OUT, EMBASSY WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE WORKING LEVEL APPOINTMENTS IN

MINISTRY. WILL ADVISE STATUS OF FUTURE APPOINTMENTS WHEN THEY
ARE CONFIRMED.
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